

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. New claims 22- 51 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Support for the new claims is found, for example, on page 3, lines 9-35; page 11, lines 1-19; page 17, lines 19-24; page 19, line 14 - page 20, line 15; pages 26-30; Figures 6A, 6B, 7, and 13; reaction schemes 1-13; and in the originally filed claims.

The specification also has been amended to correct inadvertent typographical errors. In the specification on page 5, a typographical error in the structure of the sulfone, $S(=O)_2$, functionality has been corrected. Support for the amendment appears on page 5, line 18 and lines 25-26, which recite an " α,β -unsaturated sulfone". A sulfone group, as is known in the art, includes two oxygen atoms, and comprises the structure $-S(=O)_2-$.

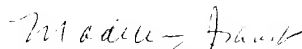
Applicants request examination of the claims as amended on the merits.

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